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SUBJECT: DANISH POWER COMPANY FREEZES PLANS ON INTRO-  
DUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER INTO DENMARK

REF: COPENHAGEN 2647

1. FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT DECISION TO DELAY NUCLEAR  
POWER LEGISLATION (SEE REFTTEL) THE PRIVATE ELECTRIC  
COMPANY (ELSAM) THAT SUPPLIES JUTLAND AND FUNEN HAS  
HALTED FURTHER NUCLEAR PLANNING AND HAS DECIDED TO  
MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND INCREASES WITH AN EXPANSION  
OF ITS CONVENTIONAL FACILITIES.

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2. THE BOARD OF ELSAM HAS FROZEN PLANS TO CONSTRUCT

A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT ON FYLLINGNAES AND HAS DISSOLVED ITS NUCLEAR POWER WORKING GROUP CONSISTING OF 70 PERSONS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN INVESTIGATIONS. THE BOARD DECIDED INSTEAD TO EXPAND CONVENTIONAL CAPACITY BY THE AROUND 1200 MW NEEDED BEFORE THE MID-EIGHTIES. ITS PLANS REPORTEDLY ARE TO BUILD TWO CONVENTIONAL 600 MW COMBINED POWER AND HEATING PLANTS; MOST LIKELY CONVERTIBLE OIL/COAL, AT A LOCATION YET TO BE DECIDED. THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, WILLY SORENSEN, STATED THAT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT PROBABLY WOULD NOT BECOME OPERATIVE UNTIL 1990.

3. EMBASSY CONTACT WITH THE ZEALAND POWER GROUP, KRAFTIMPORT, COPENHAGEN, WHICH WOULD BE ELSAM'S PARTNER IN THE OPERATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, REVEALED THAT KRAFTIMPORT'S EXPANSION PLANS INVOLVED ALTERNATIVE PLANNING ON CONVENTIONAL VERSUS NUCLEAR AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT DECISION TO POSTPONE PASSAGE OF THE ENFORCEMENT ACT HAD HAD ONLY MINOR IMPACT ON THEIR NUCLEAR PLANS. KRAFTIMPORT WILL COMPLETE TWO 275 MW UNITS AT THE KYNDBYVAERKET. A 640 MW UNIT AT ASNAESVAERKET IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WILL BECOME OPERATIVE IN 1980. A 150 MW COMBINED POWER/HEATING PLANT IN COPENHAGEN IS PLANNED AROUND 1977/1978.

4. COMMENT: IT SHOULD BE STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH ELSAM HAS DECIDED TO EXPAND CONVENTIONAL FACILITIES, ITS SPECIFIC PLANS FOR DOING SO ARE STILL NOT FIRM. UNDER DANISH LEGISLATION THESE PLANS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE FOR APPROVAL. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOUBT THAT THE MINISTRY WOULD APPROVE A SPECIFIC PROGRAM FOR ELSAM IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OVERALL ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY POLICY FOR DENMARK. WHEN SUCH A POLICY WILL BE ESTABLISHED IS NOT NOW KNOWN.

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